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His Majesty the King last night: "Among all free peoples, love of peace is profound; for this alone gives security to the home. But true peace is in the hearts of men and it is a tragedy of this time that there are powerful countries, whose whole direction and policy are based on aggression and suppression of all that we hold dear for mankind. It is this that has stirred our peoples and has given them a unity unknown in any previous war."

# H.M.'s STIRRING RADIO MESSAGE TO EMPIRE

SITTING ALONE IN THE STUDY AT SANDRINGHAM PALACE FROM WHERE HIS BELOVED FATHER SO OFTEN BROADCAST ON CHRISTMAS DAY BEFORE HIM, HIS MAJESTY THE KING LAST NIGHT BROADCAST TO THE EMPIRE.

The King's broadcast was relayed by ZBW in Hongkong. Reception was perfect and the broadcast was one of the most perfect ever relayed from Daventry.

Messages from many parts of the world report excellent reception.

## JAPAN AND BRITAIN

### SEEK TO SETTLE OLD PROBLEMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Dec. 25 (UP).—Information reaching foreign embassies here touching Far Eastern activities indicates that important developments in Anglo-Japanese relations are expected soon in an announcement for the settlement of the Tientsin issues, including the settlement of the silver currency problem shortly after the New Year. However, it is envisaged the settlement will not cost the British sacrifice of vital interests.

It is recalled that an Anglo-Japanese accord was reached last July for the maintenance of security inside the British Concession in Tientsin.

It was shelved when negotiations in Tokyo collapsed in August as the result of the Japanese demand regarding the Chinese silver deposits in British and French banks in Tientsin.

The joint policing arrangement in the British Concession will be embodied in the impending settlement.

It is understood that the Japanese will lift the blockade of the concession.

Japanese circles hope the amicable settlement will make it easier for Britain to deal with the projected central Chinese government.

Inquiries indicated that the Chinese at present are feeling more disquiet at the possibility of United States rather than British concessions to Japan.

## Chinese Advance

### Now Close To Nanning

### Japanese Hold Out Tenaciously

CHUNGKING, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—Chinese forces advancing on Nanning have completed the occupation of a 12-mile stretch of highway up to a point 13 miles north-east of the city. It is claimed in Chinese reports that Japanese troops are said to be holding on to parts of the highway beyond this point, about 30 miles from Nanning and south of Kunlun-kwan.

Chinese forces are said to be concentrating their efforts on "mopping up" this body of Japanese before launching an attack on Nanning itself.

### Fighting Near Nanchang

Another Chinese column, striking west of Nanning, captured Shihpuyu on Friday afternoon.

In Kiangsi, Chinese dispatches report, fighting at present centres in the area immediately north of Nanchang, where the Chinese launched an attack on Wednesday night.

It is claimed here that this force reached the outskirts of Nanning on Saturday night.

From Melbourne, on the other side of the world from London, "Reuter" reports that reception was good throughout.

A message from tiny Ascension Island also claimed excellent reception.

His Majesty spoke into the same microphone that he used for his first Christmas broadcast two years ago.

At that time the King had intended to continue the practice of broadcasting on Christmas Day because it had been so personally connected with his father, but to-day he broadcast because of the war.

His Majesty had Christmas luncheon with the Queen and the two Princesses in a big dining room and a few minutes before 3 p.m. he went alone to his study, waiting for the red glimmer above the microphone telling him that he was in touch with the whole Empire.

## CHRISTMAS EVE RAIDS

### No Yuletide Respite For Finland

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—Hundreds of Soviet planes flew over Finland and dropped bombs at several places.

Helsingfors had two alarms, but it is not yet known whether bombs were dropped on the city and neighbourhood, or whether they were merely leaflets.

### Civilians Killed

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—In to-day's air-raids, the town of Provo on the coast of the Gulf of Finland was bombed. Nine civilians were killed.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to bomb Helsingfors airport. It is reported that at least ten enemy planes were brought down. One crashed outside Helsingfors.

It is believed that 30 Soviet planes took part in the raids on the capital.

### Russian Claims

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—A communique claims that 971 Finnish troops were killed and 35 taken prisoner in "serious clashes between reconnaissance units in the Karelian Isthmus" yesterday.

The communique further says that otherwise nothing important occurred at the front.

### War Summarised

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 25 (UP).—A summary communique reviewing the war to date states, "So far the war has cost the enemy enormous losses."

"The exact number of enemy fallen can not be known but it must be extraordinarily large figures. Companies and regiments of the enemy have been cut up and scattered."

"The fire from the defenders mowed down line after line of attackers as the enemy mercilessly threw them into the fire."

"In addition to the heavy losses, there are difficulties in supplying the enemy troops. On all fronts large

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Broadcasting his Christmas Day message to the Empire, His Majesty said:

"The festival which we know as Christmas is, above all, a festival of peace and of the home."

"Among all free peoples, hope of peace is profound; for this alone gives security to the home. But true peace is in the hearts of men and it is a tragedy of this time that there are powerful countries, whose whole direction and policy are based on aggression and suppression of all that we hold dear for mankind."

"It is this that has stirred our peoples and has given them a unity unknown in any previous war."

### Fighting Against Wickedness

"We feel in our hearts that we are fighting against wickedness and this conviction will give us strength from day to day to persevere until victory is assured."

"At home we are, as it were, taking the strain for what may lie ahead of us, resolved and confident."

"We look with pride and thankfulness on the never-failing courage and devotion of the Royal Navy, on which throughout the last four months, has borne a storm of ruthless and unceasing war."

"And when I speak of our Royal Navy to-day, I mean all the men of our Empire who go down to the sea in ships—mercantile marine, minesweepers, trawlers and drifters—from senior officers to the last boy who joined up."

"To everyone in this great Fleet, I send a message."

### The Gallant Air Force

"I send greetings to the gallant Air Force, which in co-operation with the Navy, is our sure shield of defence. They are daily adding laurels to those which their fathers won."

"I would send a special word of greeting to the armies of the Empire, to those who have come from afar, and in particular, to the British Expeditionary Force."

"Their task is hard. They are waiting."

"Waiting is a trial of nerve and discipline, but I know that when the moment comes for action, they will prove themselves worthy of the highest traditions of their great service."

"To all those preparing themselves to serve their country, on sea, land or in the air, I send my greetings."

"Men and women of our far-flung Empire are working in their several vocations with the one same purpose. All are members of the great family of nations—which are

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The King broadcasting to the Empire

## D.S.C. FOR SUB. COMMANDER

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuters).—The Admiralty, in an official communique, announces that the Distinguished Service Order has been conferred on Lieut. Commander G.C. Phillips of the submarine Ursula, which recently destroyed an enemy cruiser off Heligoland.

Other decorations and promotions for officers and men of the Ursula are also made, and all are congratulated upon their great success.

## Gracie With The Troops

### Christmas Surprise For The R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—Duty watches were maintained by all R.A.F. units in France throughout Christmas, but many men were able to enjoy Christmas dinner in their billets, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the Air Force.

Several hundred airmen received a surprise visit from Grade Fifteen, who arrived at the men's decorated dining hall and was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm and cheers.

She sang several songs. Later Gracie sang to a crowded cheering and appreciative audience in a cinema behind the lines at a concert broadcast by the B.B.C.

The audience joined in singing old war songs, concluding with Christmas carols.

### Holligoland Flight

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—An Air Ministry official stated that the flight over Heligoland mentioned in a German communique was merely a routine patrol over that area.

The British aircraft were not engaged and all machines returned safely.

It is added: "We do not issue bulletins regarding such flights which are regarded merely as a matter of routine."

## Cheery Christmas For Troops

PARIS, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—Christmas Day was completely quiet on the Western Front, action being limited to small patrols.

The troops generally spent a cheery Christmas.

Hitler continued his tour of the Silesian Line.

## ASSASSINS IN SHAI

### WANG FOLLOWER KILLED IN CAFE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 25 (UP).—Two Chinese were killed and one was seriously injured when they were shot when leaving a cafe adjoining a gambling establishment at 3.50 a.m. this morning.

One of the men killed was a member of Wang Ching-wei's

former Special Service Force, and the other one was silk merchant.

The wounded man, it is reported, is also a follower of Wang Ching-wei and a former guerrilla in the Shanghai Area. He is said to have been assigned by Wang to winning over Chinese guerrillas to the "puppet" cause.

The three men were leaving the cafe when they were met with bullets from a dark street. The customers in the cafe were panic-stricken. The gunmen escaped before they could be seen.

The shooting occurred in the special municipal district; the Japanese-controlled Taito regime is therefore handling the case.

### Christmas Day Assassination

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (Reuters).—Assassinations marked Christmas Day in Shanghai.

Two supporters of Wang Ching-wei were shot near his residence in the western Extra-settlement area.

One, Shen Ming-chu, was killed on the spot. The other, Ho Hang-ken, was seriously hurt and is not expected to recover.

The assassins are believed to be anti-Japanese terrorists.

## BRITAIN'S NEW MINE BARRAGE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Dec. 24 (UP).—The Admiralty has warned all shipping that formidable mine barrages have been laid on the east coast of Scotland and England, extending from a point north-west of Aberdeen southward to a point off the Thames estuary.

They announced three zones in which shipping will proceed at its own peril. These zones are apparently designed to repulse submarines and mine layers and to control shipping passing through the channel to the North Sea.

## JAPANESE BLOCKADE ENTIRE CHINA COAST

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Reuters).—The Japanese Navy is placing Chinese waters under four control zones, according to a communique issued by the Navy section of Imperial Headquarters. Admiral Okawa is assuming the supreme command of the China area.

The communique adds that the entire Chinese coast, extending 2,850 miles, is now blockaded against enemy ships, while the Yangtze River, from the mouth to 800 miles up to Yochow, is fully under the control of the Japanese Navy.

A number of ports blocked to navigation include Wen-chow, Foochow and Swatow.

The islands occupied by the Japanese include Hainan and Swatow.

## Prize of War Goes Through Panama

## Former H.K. Naval Officer Seizes Steamer

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PANAMA, Dec. 24 (UP).—It is revealed that Captain Alan Poland, who in 1933 was in command of H.M.S. Eedway in Hongkong, was responsible for the capture of the 4,930-ton N.D.L. liner Dusseldorf last week.

Captain Poland, who is now in command of H.M.S. Despatch, served for some time on the China Station before being transferred to H.M.S. Dolphin.

The Dusseldorf, accompanied by H.M.S. Despatch, is scheduled to arrive at Balboa to-morrow, being the first prize of war to pass through the Panama Canal.

The British warship captured the liner ten days ago off the Chilean coast, and the German crew are still aboard, working the ship.

Captain Poland prevented the German ship from being scuttled by sending the Nazi crew back to remove time bombs.

### Bluejackets Patrol Decks

BALBOA, Panama, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—Large crowds of spectators lined the Canal to watch the transit of the captured German steamer Dusseldorf, which is the first prize ever to go through the Canal with a prize crew on board.

The vessel was flying the British naval ensign astern above the Swastika, and the decks were patrolled by British blue-jackets with fixed bayonets.

Many onlookers cheered the British.

Special precautions were taken by the American authorities in view of the rumour that the Germans might attempt to run the ship aground in a narrow section of the Canal.

This is believed to be the reason why a tug preceded the Dusseldorf the whole way and towed the vessel through the Culabra Cut, which ships normally navigate under their own power.

## MORE GERMAN BRUTALITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—It is reliably learned that when the Scotia was torpedoed in the North Sea earlier in the month, the Danish ship, Hestia, attempted to rescue the crew, but a voice from a U-boat ordered them to steam away, saying that if they effected a rescue they would also be torpedoed.

### British Steamer Missing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 24 (UP).—The Channel steamer Isle of Sark, en route from Jersey to Southampton, has been reported missing for two days.

## CONVICTS MUTINY ON CHRISTMAS DAY

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuters).—A five-hour mutiny occurred on Christmas Day in the Londonderry Gaol, where 60 men are interned as Republican suspects for the duration of the war.

The mutineers overpowered the warders and maintained a siege in part of the prison where they set fire to the bedding, smashed furniture, sang Republican songs and shouted slogans to crowds in the streets, some of whom prayed and repeated the Litany.

Police, with drawn revolvers, finally burst through doors which were previously burned by plumbers with acetylene torches, and the prisoners made a final stand in the cells, armed with bottles and boards, until they were eventually overpowered.

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## They Couldn't Keep Him Down

### Logless Pilot Joins R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Eight years ago Flying Officer D. R. S. Bader, ex-Hendon aerobatic ace was coming out of a slow roll when he crashed at Reading and received terrible injuries.

He hovered between life and death in the hospital, losing both legs.

Now he is once more an air force pilot, somewhere in England.

As soon as he was able, he took a course in civil aviation, actually learning to pilot a plane, operating the controls with his false limbs.

His application to rejoin the air force was refused in peace time, but on the outbreak of war he renewed his application, asking to be allowed to fly single-seater machines.

Flying Officer Bader, who has stoically overcome his injuries, now has a short handicap at golf, dances, and drives his own car.

## New Type Of Government

### Chiang Wants Creation Of Constitution

CHUNGKING, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The Chinese Government's policy regarding the proposed early establishment of a constitutional government is set forth in a statement by General Chiang Kai-shek, published in the Chinese press here to-day.

The Generalissimo declares that a constitutional period and political training period may well proceed parallelly.

It is not necessary, he says, for a constitutional period to come only after the completion of a political training period.

### Political Training Urged

General Chiang Kai-shek advocates the promulgation of a constitution with the Government at the same time enforcing political training, enabling citizens properly to exercise their rights under a constitutional government.

The Generalissimo, however, warns the Chinese people of the evils of Chinese Parliament in the past after the establishment of the Republic in 1911.

On those occasions, he asserts, members of Parliament not knowing their responsibilities, brought about the failure of Chinese constitutional governments.

The statement also emphasises that political training does not mean that the Government may use high-handed measures towards the people, but should adopt the manner and methods of school-teachers helping the people to become worthy of their rights and privileges.

### CHRISTMAS EVE RAIDS

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numbers of Russians were taken prisoners.

### Populace Spends Hours In Raid Shelters

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Helsingfors spent an anxious Christmas Day and the inhabitants stayed in air raid shelters for hours as alarm was sounded.

The first siren went shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning, and was followed by repeated alarms throughout the day.

Red planes apparently succeeded only in reaching the suburbs of the capital, and no bombs were dropped.

It is reported, however, that Viborg was raided.

### Golfer Shoots From Tree

PITTSBURGH (U.P.).—When Bill Mercer's tee shot landed in a tree bordering the 10th fairway, he was undaunted. He did a "Tarzan" climb the tree, braced himself between the limbs and hit the ball from his high perch. Mercer's scorecard for the hole showed a "nine."

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The British steamer Inverline (8,000 tons) which was mined last week, has now "burned out."

The ship is stated to be a total loss.

## CHRISTMAS BRIDES

Many Ceremonies Held On Saturday

Many Christmas weddings were solemnised on Saturday.

THE marriage of Mr. Eric Arthur Matthews to Miss Margery Grace Knapman took place quietly at the Peak Church, the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of St. John's Cathedral officiating.

The bride, who is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Knapman, of Clifton, Bristol, was given away by Sir Vandevelde Grayburn, and attended by Mrs. L. Goldman, as matron-of-honour.

The bridegroom is the second son of the late Albert Lister and Mrs. Matthews of Putney, and is a bank official of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong.

Mr. W. G. Carruthers undertook the duties of best man.

The reception was held at "The Cliffs," The Peak.

At the Registry before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar, Miss Elizabeth Davis, teacher at Stanley Fort, became the bride of Sergeant Instructor Donald Macnair, of Stanley Fort.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Wilfred Davis, mining engineer, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. Neil Macnair, clerk. The witnesses were Miss Hilda Betty Harker and Mr. W. S. Campbell.

Mr. Leo Schneider, secretary of W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd., was married by Mr. Gould to Helene Korczyn (nee Bondi), demonstrator at the School of Pathology of the Hongkong University.

Messrs. A. Vago and Karl Glaser witnessed the ceremony.

Scott-Gidley

Mr. Christian James Ernest Scott, engineer of Imperial Airways, married Miss Edith Mary Joan Gidley, of Kimberley Road, Kowloon, at the Registry before Mr. E. L. Rossi officiating at the ceremony.

Parson's Bride

The clergy were well represented at the wedding of Miss Annie Wild to Rev. Frank Evison at the English Methodist Church, Wanchai, on Saturday. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. E. Sandbach, assisted by the Rev. H. B. Rattenbury and Rev. Wong Chung-shui.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wild, of Oldham, Lancashire, and is a recent arrival. She was dressed in white satin broche, cut on medieval lines with train and circular net veil trimmed with white cosmes. The bouquet was a spray of red gladioli.

Rev. D. B. Childs gave the bride away and Rev. P. Jones was the best man. Bridesmaids were Misses Edith Anstey and Phyllis Finch. They carried bouquets of pink gladioli, and wore dresses of blue tulle trimmed with pink, with silver head-dresses and shoes to tone with the dresses.

The Matron of Honour was Mrs. S. H. Moore. Her dress was of printed silk, swaggar coat with wine accessories. She carried a spray of white cosmes and wine chrysanthemums.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Evison, Oldham, Lancashire. He is a member of the Methodist Missionary Society, and is now at Tung Chung, Hongkong.

Mr. R. Stansfield was the organist, and the ushers were Mr. E. Lloyd Jones and Rev. E. Moreton.

A reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel.

The bride's going-away dress was a white coat, black hat and black accessories.

### H.M.'S STIRRING RADIO MESSAGE TO EMPIRE

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prepared to sacrifice everything so that freedom of spirit may be saved to the world.

### Spirit Of The Empire

"Such is the spirit of the Empire, of the great Dominions, India and every colony, large or small.

"From all alike help comes offers of help, for which the Mother Country can never be sufficiently grateful. Such unity in aim and effort has never been seen in the world before.

"I believe from my heart that the cause which binds together my people and our gallant and faithful allies is the cause of Christian civilisation.

"On no other basis can true civilisation be built.

"Let us remember this through the dark times ahead and when we are making the peace for which all men pray.

"The New Year is at hand. We cannot tell what it will bring. If it brings peace, how thankful we shall be. If it brings continued struggle, we shall remain undaunted.

### Message Of Encouragement

"Meanwhile I feel that we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines: 'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year—Give me light so that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied—Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light.'

"May that Almighty hand guide and uphold us all."

### Royal Family Listen

The Queen, and the Princesses listened to the speech from a loud-speaker in another room.

## MY 'GOODBYE VIENNA'

### "DANUBE SPIRIT IS IN PARIS"

—SAYS WALTZ KING

OSCAR STRAUS, Viennese composer, creator of "The Chocolate Soldier" and many other operettas, who has just become a naturalised Frenchman, will never go back to live in Vienna again.

"I am too disgusted with what has happened there," he told me, "and I am indeed happy to be a Frenchman. Paris, of all the capitals, comes nearest to the spirit of pre-Nazi Vienna."

### Gay No More

"I don't want to talk politics," he said. "I am no politician, but I know that the Nazis have trampled down the gay artistic spirit of Vienna and Austria."

"I had to leave behind many of my private possessions. Perhaps now they still play some of my songs and tunes, but they do not, of course, mention my name."

### Songs For Troops

"Yes, I suppose they are stealing my work—but then they have stolen a country, so one must not be surprised."

I found him hard at work on a batch of lively new songs—songs written freshly for the soldiers of France and Britain to sing.

"Oh, yes, I am trying to make them gay," he said, "but I have a new opera with a military theme opening soon in Zurich, events permitting."

"I have an operetta performed in Czech national dress opening soon in Bordeaux, and the operetta 'Three Fairies,' which ran for so long in Paris, may soon be staged in London."

### Don Volunteers

Mr. Straus has two sons with him in France. One of them has already volunteered to fight for the Allies. Other members of his family are still in Austria.

"Do you know, I feel a Frenchman. I love the French and their country. I have composed many of my works here. As to whether I shall produce new operettas soon, I must say that all composers and producers are waiting a little while."

## Church Bell Injures Pastor

QUILPPE, (U.P.).—Pastorships where the pastor is required to ring the church bell, are now listed as a dangerous occupation here. While the Rev. Father Donovan was performing this duty yesterday, his broke loose, dropping on his head, inflicting a severe wound.

## NOT ONLY SPIDERS, BUT ALSO—

## 3,500,000 Silk-worms Spin for Victory

LULLINGSTONE CASTLE, Kent, a Tudor foundation in which Queen Anne once lived, with a Norman-founded chapel, and a lake, is to house three-and-a-half million war-workers. They will be silkworms.

The Government is now testing silk (produced by the worms' predecessors) for use in parachutes.

"The main question is," said Lady Hart Dyke, chateau of the castle, "whether we can produce enough silk to make it worth while. My few worms can only produce about 600 parachutes, and they want thousands."

Twenty-five out of the fifty-four rooms in the house are devoted to some branch of the silk-worm industry.

### Cocoon—1 1/2 Miles

Lady Hart Dyke maintains a staff of 15 all the year round, spinning the silk. In the season, June and July, during which the silkworms emerge, grow and make their cocoons, the staff rises to 50.

Gipsy labour and hop-pickers working before the regular work starts—they arrive at 3.30 or 4 o'clock in the morning—pick the mulberry leaves on which silkworms feed.

"We got through 75 tons of mulberry leaves this year," said Lady Hart Dyke.

"Each cocoon contains 1 1/2 miles of silk."

"To breed our worms we keep one in every 200 cocoons, and let them hatch. Every two years I import 100,000 eggs from Marseilles."

"Silkworms, in their 28 days of life, grow in sudden stages; they eat their skin four times, each time emerging larger than they were before. No sooner have the moths laid their eggs than they die."

"All eggs are orphaned, and we incubate them, raising the temperature of the incubator one degree every 24 hours for 18 days," said Lady Hart Dyke.

"You can speed up the silk worms' work . . . by heating the room and slow it down by decreasing the temperature. If you lower the temperature they don't eat so much."

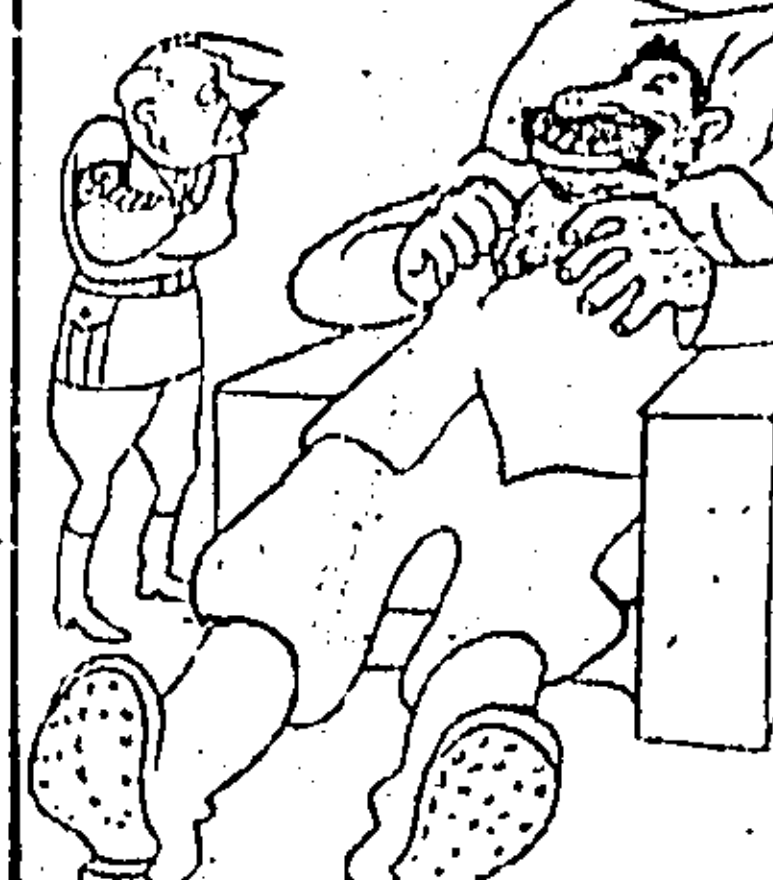
The war has sent the price of silk rocketing from 10s. 3d. to 22s. 3d. "Silk"—the coarse fibre—has risen from 1s. 6d. to 3s. 7d. "But we shan't gain by this," said Lady Hart Dyke. "Everything else will go up in proportion."

## Hitler In Two Moods



"I'll Don't disturb our Fuehrer's meditations."

"Le Populaire," Paris.



HITLER: What! After taking half of Poland you still want to dominate the Baltic and Scandinavian countries?

STALIN: Well Aren't I the Beloved Father of the People?

"Guinguette," Paris.

## General Wu Due At Lhasa

CHUNGKING, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—General Wu Chung-hsin, Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission, is due to arrive at Lhasa, in Tibet, on New Year's Day, according to the latest information reaching Chungking from Tibet.

General Wu arrived at Darjeeling on December 6.

## Inside Germany

## Shy Shop Windows

DRASTIC new regulations just issued in Germany forbid the display of foodstuffs in shop windows.

In particular, the display of the few foodstuffs which can be obtained without ration-cards is a criminal offence.

ANY action which could be regarded as an "incitement to buy"—such as labelling certain clothes in shop windows—"Not rationed"—is prohibited.

The regulations are described as a protection for genuine customers against hoarders.

DR. GOEBBELS' Propaganda Ministry has issued a secret order to German newspapers to restrict home news as much as possible.

The German Press, as an instrument of the war, should contain optimistic reports and war stories from all over the world, it is stated.

But other items, such as crime and new laws and regulations, should be dealt with briefly and without prominence.

THE Baste "National Zeitung" tells a strange story of how a complete issue of the Radical Nazi paper, the "Schwarze Korps," was banned, withdrawn, and then hurriedly reprinted.

The Nazi censor objected to a cartoon about the R.A.F. which was shown dropping leaflets over Germany.

TRUE, an inscription over the cartoon made fun of the British airmen.

But the drawing did not show a single Nazi fighter going up to combat the raiders.

## Stalin's Message To Ribbentrop

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—M. Stalin, in a message to Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, acknowledging the latter's birthday congratulations, declares that the friendship of the peoples of Germany and the Soviet is cemented by blood and that it has every reason to be lasting and firm.

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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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Tuesday, 26th December  
G. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; K. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; Sheungwan 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be no collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 25th and at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents for 2 ounces, for all countries.

Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces.

Envelopes must not be closed.

### OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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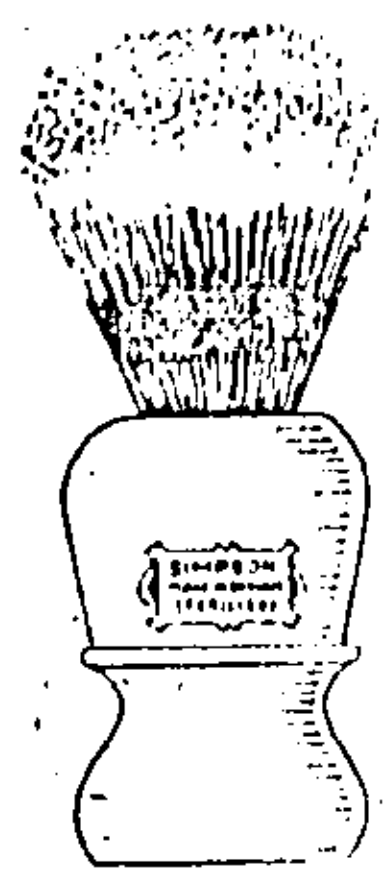


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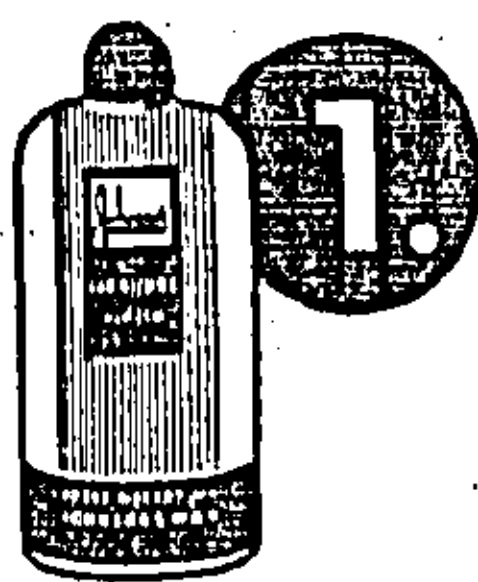
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### DEATH

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The  
Hongkong Telegraph.

Tuesday, December 26, 1939.

Wendlandt St., Hongkong.

Tel. 26615.

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### Crippled Wings

The story that one of the R.A.F. machines flew back from Germany to England with no wing and half the fabric gone from the starboard wing must strike even the layman as remarkable.

Yet it is certain that something of the sort happened, that the damage occurred over Germany, and that the machine succeeded in getting back to England.

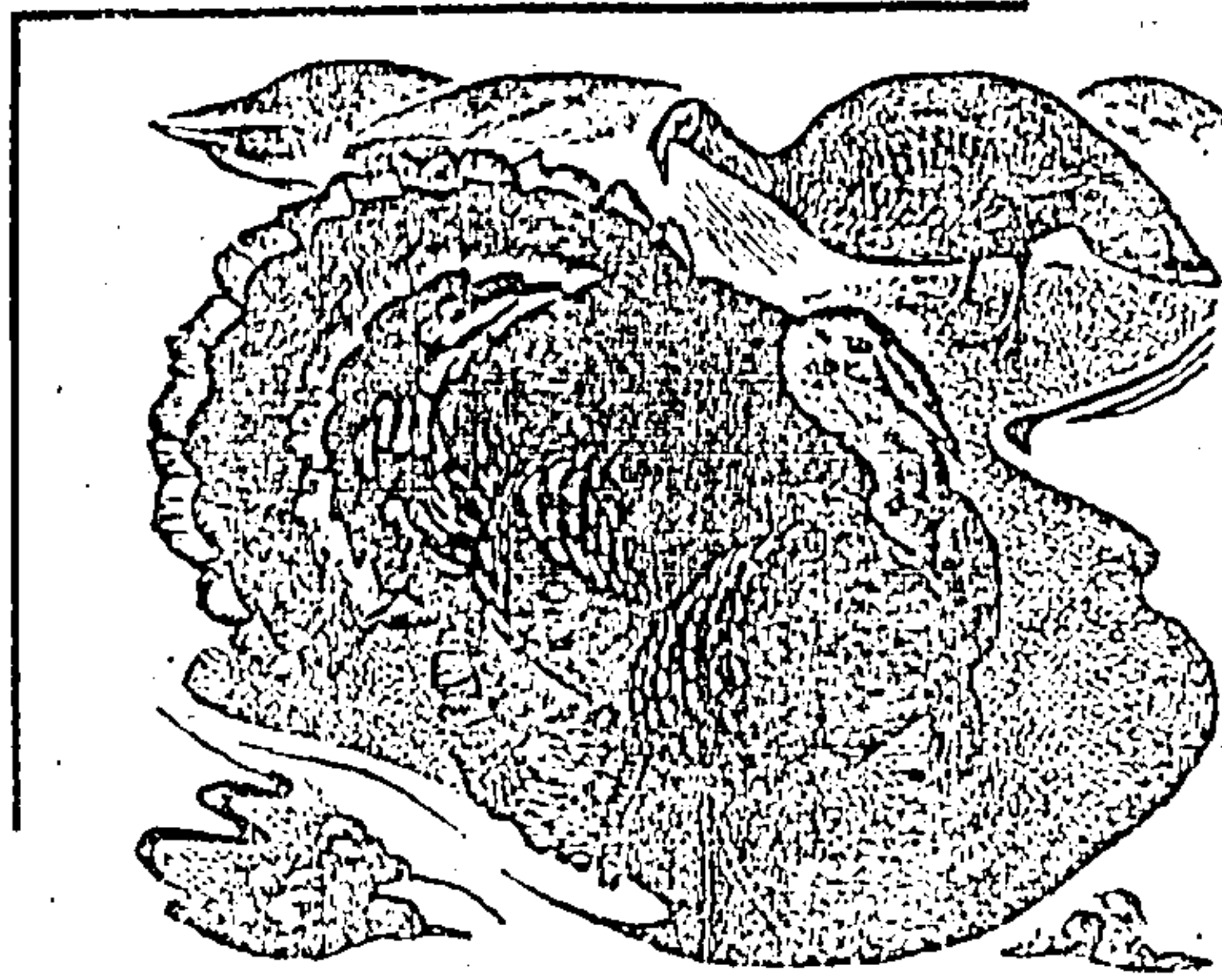
It was not very far above the waves when it reached home, and we may presume that the crew threw overboard everything possible to lessen the load, doubtless kept the rubber dinghy as their most precious possession. We may presume, too, that the ailerons remained more or less intact.

It is hoped that a photograph of the machine will be available before long and then experts will be able to pronounce on what happened.

Even the layman can understand that an uncovered framework of a wing will not support an aeroplane in the air; it is the covering which does that. Moreover, the greater part of the "lift" is derived from the flow of the air over the upper surface of the wing, and nowadays designers do not provide a greater wing area than is necessary to support the weight of the machine and its load. Unnecessarily large wings reduce the speed, and modern practice is to load the wings very much more heavily than was thought wise a few years ago.

The aeroplanes of Henry Farman and the other pioneers would probably have flown with a good deal of their wings shot away. But for a modern machine to do so seems something rather like a miracle—one of the many technical surprises that war brings.

## Their Day Yesterday



TURKEY

NO connection with Turkey in Asia, though so-named from the mistaken idea that they had, turkeys are really natives of America, where they were first domesticated by the Aztecs of Mexico and the Incas of Peru.

Introduced into Europe about 1530 by the Spaniards, domesticated turkeys were taken to North America by European settlers, though native wild birds were already there—an early example of carrying coals to Newcastle. Since the War of Independence roast turkey has been the *bonne bouche* of National Thanksgiving Day—the last Thursday in November in the United States; and in England, of course, no Christmas dinner-table is complete without it.

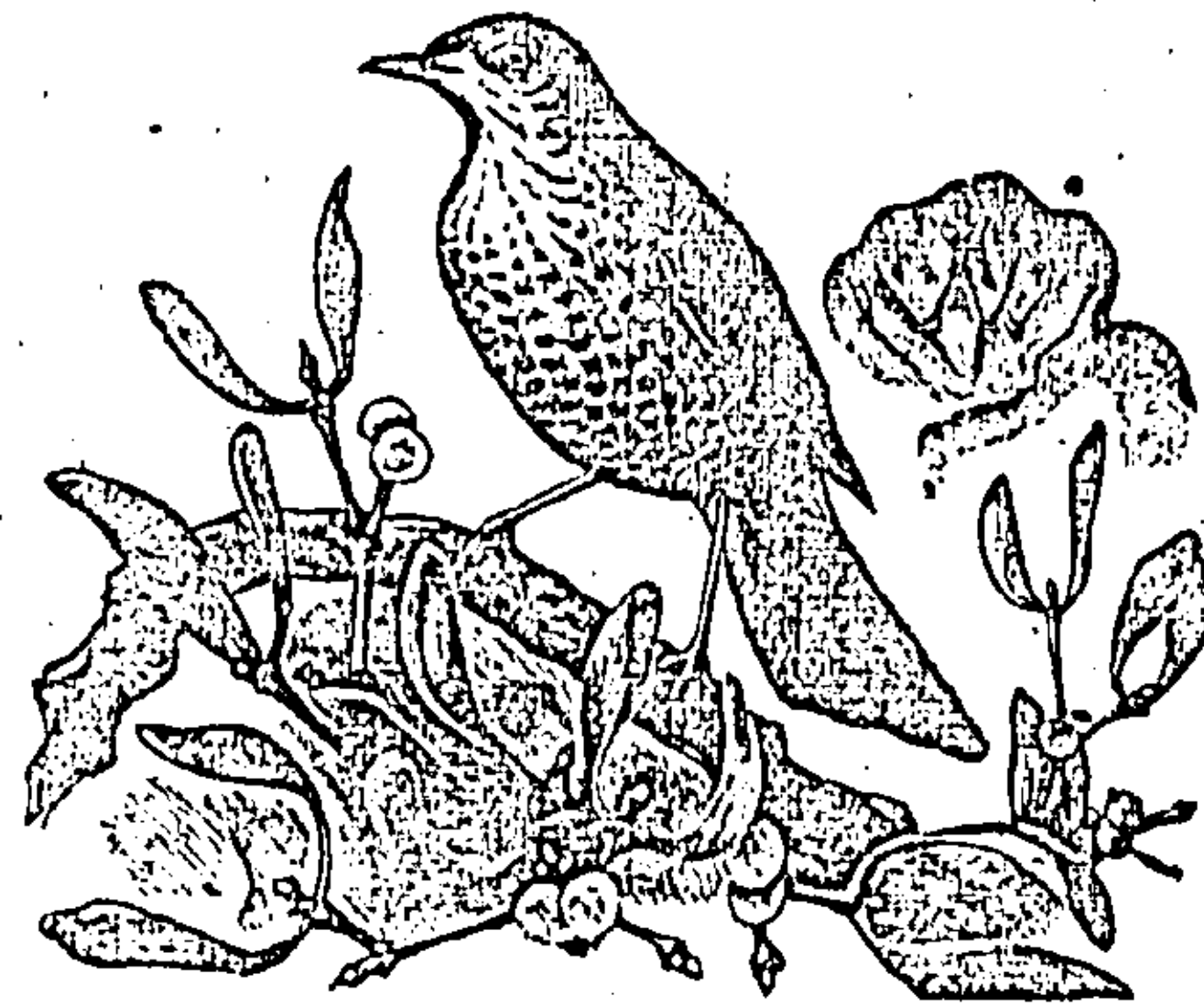
White turkeys, for some obscure reason, are called Austrian Whites in Europe and White Hollands in America.

MISTLETOE is a mystic plant, connected with many ancient rites, whence custom of kissing under it.

Prized by old herbalists as "good for the grief of the sinew, itch, sores and toothache, the biting of mad dogs and venomous beasts," but grown to-day mainly by enterprising farmers with a view to the Christmas market.

Is a parasite, growing chiefly on apple and poplar trees, but not—despite pictures of Druids with golden sickles in the history books—on oaks in this country.

Gives its name to the Mistle-Thrush or Stormcock, which often feeds on its berries, and wipes the glutinous seeds off its bill on to the bark of trees, where they take root.



MISTLETOE

Wood engravings by Agnes Miller Parker

## Sunstroke On Christmas Day

—By Moore Raymond—

How did people in other parts of the world spend Christmas Day?

It is midsummer in Australia now, and Christmas Day among the settlers on the arid central plains was a day of scorching heat.

In this article Moore Raymond describes a Christmas he spent some years ago on a lonely sheep station many hundreds of miles from the coast.

I WOKE up sweating, with pritt in my teeth. The hot, dusty wind had blown from the desert all night, sifting fine sand over my half-naked body.

Pulling on my socks and elastic-sided riding boots, I clumped noisily to the tank for a wash. The water was warm but refreshing as I poured a bucketful over my head. It ran down in my boots, but I did not care because I knew it would soon dry off.

I went back to the huts and, annoyed because Christmas Day came into my week for getting the horses, I shouted "Merry Christmas!" loudly and persistently.

The others stirred in their bunks, grumbling and cursing. Somebody threw a boot.

Ten minutes later I was jingling the bridle in my hand as I walked down to the night paddock.

A flock of long grey brolghas flew over, making noises like creaky hinges. White cockatoos screamed from a nearby coolabah tree, and already the scavenging crows were squabbling over a dead sheep down by the dam.

A tight girth—down with the stirrups—and I rode out into the horse paddock with the bridle loose while I rolled a cigarette. The smoke bit harshly into my lungs, mitigating my hunger.

Luckily, the horses were not far away, and I brought the mob into the yard at a gallop.

Six of us sat down to breakfast at sunrise. There was the boss, the

owner of the 20,000 acres and the mas pudding. And some nuts and a 10,000 sheep. His wife, aged about 30, poured out the tea.

She was the only woman within 40 miles of the homestead, and she hated the loneliness and heat and hardship.

There was John, a jackaroo like myself. His father had sent him up from Sydney to learn the sheep business so that he could take over a station of his own some day.

Tom, the middle-aged station hand, was hunched over his plate at the bottom of the table.

The fifth was Harry, younger brother of the boss's wife. He had come from Brisbane to spend Christmas with us. He had never been west before, and he thought it was just a lot of fun.

"Don't be late for Christmas dinner," said the boss's wife. "There's the plain turkey John shot yesterday, more plentiful."

But now those holes were drying up, and many weak animals were

bogged in the mud every day. We had to rescue them.

We pulled six sheep out of the first hole, set them on their feet, and sent them scuttling homewards. Then on to the next—and the next—sweating, cursing, calked with mud—pushing on towards the boundary hills.

Harry's new hat made his head ache. It was very cowboyish, quite unlike our battered felt, and it was too small for him. So he took it off. We warned him, but he said he did not mind the sun as he was used to going without a hat.

It was nearly 11 o'clock when the boss called for smoke-oh.

Half an hour's rest—then back to the sheep. It took longer than we expected, and it was getting on for three by the time we got them all clear.

When we reached the homestead, we found the boss's wife in tears. She had cooked everything ready for one o'clock, and now all was spoiled. At least, that is what she said. But the five hungry men proved how wrong she was, and soon had her smiling again.

When evening came, and the sheep began to drift in to the troughs in little mobs, Harry started to shiver. Of course, he had sunstroke.

He was much better in a couple of hours, and he sat with us on the verandah and joined in the choruses, including "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

Then sleep—with the wind from the desert still sifting the dust over my face.

## IF YOU SAW A GHOST

AS the centuries pass we should become more enlightened, but tampering with the unknown still holds its fascination. People still have their fortunes read, still have their horoscopes cast, still try to convince each other of the fore-knowledge of death, and still pathetically try to commune with those who are dead.

What would their reaction be if they did actually see a ghost? You meet people who know somebody who did see a ghost, but who seldom meet a person who himself or herself has seen one. Even when you do meet such a person, the mind still refuses to accept the whole truth of the story. I am certain that the average person will not believe either in ghosts that appear before death or in ghosts that appear after death until they see one with their own eyes.

And what do you think they would do then? Have you ever asked yourself this question?

All types of literature have told us what the customary reactions are. In stories in magazines the characters generally act in the same way. A sudden blast of cold air, suggestive I suppose of the cold of the tomb, rouses the sleeper from his dreams and a nondescribable awe descends upon him. His flesh prickles, his hair rises on his scalp, paralysed he gazes at the apparition, and then with a wild scream he flies from the room, or collapses on the floor in a fit.

The attitude of Shakespeare's characters to his ghosts has always been one to amaze me. In "Hamlet," although the watchers on the parapet see stalking there the figure of the king they know to be dead, they actually speak to it, and Hamlet himself, although his fear is evident in his first words, "Angels and ministers of grace defend us," goes further than that—he follows it. Would you do that?

Brutus, too, when he sees in the deep of midnight the ghost of the Caesar he helped to murder, holds conversation with the apparition. The terror of Macbeth, when the blood-stained ghost of Banquo usurps his seat, is more convincing. Amazed that others could see that, in whose

eyes there was no speculation, he asks how they

"can behold such sights  
And keep the natural ruby of your cheeks."

When mine are blanched with fear."

Highland people are notoriously superstitious, and even to-day most of them believe in ghosts. Lowlanders are more sceptical.

Here are two stories I have been told by my own relatives, Highlanders, and they vouch for their truth.

My father was in the South of England on business. My mother woke up suddenly one night, and she saw him standing as if in a blaze of light with his hands thrown above his head. His face was contorted with fright, and she heard him shout her name. She told us next morning that she hoped that nothing had happened to him. That night we heard that he had been nearly killed when he fell down a servant's stair the door of which had been accidentally left unlocked.

The other my aunt swears to. She had been in the habit of visiting and attending to an old paralysed man. One night she woke up to find him, as she says, bending over her. The next day she heard that he had died that night.

The Lowland part of me refuses to

accept these figures as ghosts, but it does have to admit that there is such a thing as telepathy. I am convinced that in dreams, for both of the narrators seem to be vague as to how they actually felt when they saw the figures. When pressed they described the fear that they had when they lay awake afterwards, but the dream—the result of telepathy—really awakened them, I think.

In stories of this kind the figures seen generally have the form they have in real life. We don't usually read of sheeted ghosts appearing before death.

But what would you do if, in the middle of the night or even in your armchair, you suddenly saw enter the room the figure of a person you knew to be dead, and clad in the orthodox sheet?

The most horrible ghost story I have ever read was one called "The Upper Berth." In it the port-hole of the cabin would suddenly open, and the smell of something long since dead saturated with sea water would enter.

What would you do in the presence of a shapeless terror like this? Would you or could you speak or fight. Or would you do what I am sure I would do, probably die of sheer terror?

I think the last is more probable, and in my opinion, that is why you never meet a person who has seen the ghost of the dead—he would not survive to tell the tale.

R. R.



## These Men Delivered Christmas Messages To The World

THE POPE who said "Atrocities and unlawful means of destruction... are acts which call for Divine vengeance."

### POPE'S POINTED ADDRESS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (UP).—His Holiness the Pope today addressed the College of Cardinals in a Christmas peace appeal, saying: "It is necessary to set forth the fundamental points which are necessary for peace, and on which any government would be willing to negotiate; but peace must be honourable to both big and small nations."  
He said that the armaments and military questions must be solved. He described Mr. Myron C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative as the "first Ambassador to the provisional United States Embassy at the Holy See. I could not have received a more grateful Christmas announcement which is a great contribution to a just and lasting peace."  
He assailed Russia, saying: "We find premeditated aggression against small work-loving, peaceful peoples under the pretext of 'liberty' which neither existed nor is possible."

#### Flays Aggressors

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—"Atrocities and unlawful use of means of destruction even against non-combatants and evacuees, against women, old people and children, contempt of liberty and human life, are acts which call for Divine vengeance," declared His Holiness the Pope in a Christmas message to the College of Cardinals today.  
"We have had to witness a series of acts which are incompatible with international and national law and humanity," declared His Holiness. "These acts, which have led to the juridical crime of the destruction of totalitarian considerations. This category includes premeditated aggression against small, labouring and peaceful nations on the pretext of a menace which never existed, and was not even possible."  
Declaring that he envied with horror the consequences of war, the Pope declared: "Those responsible for the destiny of people would be able to define at an opportune moment the fundamental points of a just and honourable peace, and not to allow to negotiate when the occasion arises."

#### Five Points For Peace

The Pope gave five points as to the foundations of a just international peace.  
Firstly, assurance of the independence of all nations. Secondly, the end of the armaments race. Thirdly, that juridical institutions must guarantee that the lawful application of an agreement is of supreme importance to an honourable acceptance of a peace treaty, and that arbitrary and unilateral interpretations of conditions of a treaty must be avoided. Fourthly, the needs and just demands of the nations and peoples, and also the ethnic minorities must be particularly considered, if necessary by means of a just, wise and acceptable revision of treaties.  
Fifthly, the Pope emphasised that those who govern peoples must be imbued with a sense of their responsibilities.  
At the close of his address, the Pope thanked President Roosevelt for his noble and generous effort to restore peace.  
He said that other high personalities also, whose names he did not wish to mention, had approached him with efforts to restore peace.

### MORE U.S. AID FOR FINNS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (UP).—Mr. Herbert Hoover has announced that he has sent another \$100,000 remittance to Finland for food and clothing.

HEINRICH HESS, Hitler's Deputy, who declared: "The more we Germans surround the Fuehrer with our love, the greater is the hatred of others towards us."

### HITLER SPENDS XMAS ON WESTERN FRONT

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—The official German news agency reports that Herr Hitler is spending Christmas at the Western Front.  
Yesterday he visited the Gross Deutschland Regiment and a reconnaissance squadron at a field base.  
Today he visited an anti-aircraft battery and inspected many pill-boxes.  
He spent the evening at various points near Saarbruecken.

### Hess Revels In A Diatribe

#### And End Speech With A Prayer

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—In the course of a Christmas message broadcast aboard a German destroyer to Germans throughout the world, Herr Hess, Hitler's deputy, referred to the love of the German nation for the Fuehrer, whom he described as the "first soldier of Germany."  
The message was broadcast from the destroyer, the *Admiral Graf Spee*, which was in the North Sea.  
Hess declared that the German people were united in the war against the West. He declared: "We are united in the war against the West. We are united in the war against the West. We are united in the war against the West."  
He ended with a prayer: "Oh God, Lord, you have given your people benediction."

#### "Will For Victory"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, Dec. 24 (UP).—Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess, in a radio broadcast from a German warship today reiterated the German "will for victory."  
"Our people are united in the war against the West," he declared. "We are united in the war against the West. We are united in the war against the West."  
He ended with a prayer: "Oh God, Lord, you have given your people benediction."

### Royal Family At Divine Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SANDRINGHAM, Dec. 24 (UP).—His Majesty the King today received the American protest against the violation of the Panama Declaration's "Safety Zones."  
Earlier King George, wearing the uniform of a Field Marshal, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, attended divine services in the Royal Chapel at Sandringham.

### I.R.A. Steal Army Equipment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
DUBLIN, Dec. 24 (UP).—Members of the Irish Republican Army today raided the Elre Army's magazine at Fort Phoenix Park, overpowered the sentries and escaped with large quantities of arms, ammunition and equipment.

M. DALADIER, the French Premier, who said: "We will not take the initiative in inflicting new sufferings to those which already prevail."

### TO RETURN BLOW FOR BLOW France Will Not Forget

PARIS, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—"We shall not take the initiative in inflicting new sufferings to those which already prevail," declared M. Edouard Daladier, the French Prime Minister, in a Christmas broadcast to the French nation.  
"We shall return each blow. For more than 100 years Germany had fought wars on other people's territory. This time we shall keep an exact account of all her crimes."  
"We are fighting not against other peoples, but against war itself."

"Made Up Our Minds"  
M. Daladier reminded his listeners of the victims of aggression. "May all the peoples understand that they cannot prevent aggression by trembling before the aggressor, but by putting up a barrage of courage and determination," declared M. Daladier.

"We Frenchmen have already made up our minds. We are determined to fight this dreadful tyranny to the end."  
"We are fighting for the future of France and the future of the entire world, and all the more we are stronger and more determined."  
Concluding, M. Daladier addressed the French fighting forces with the words: "I have not forgotten it. You are united in your great task. I want to assure each of you that I understand you are for my part. I also am doing my duty while you defend our country. We will make it secure."

#### Germany Must Pay

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, Dec. 24 (UP).—M. Daladier, in a speech today, asserted the present war is the worst calamity Europe has seen for over a century. He said the small handful of men who were responsible must be crushed.  
"Germany, for a century, has carried war into neighbouring countries. This time she must pay for each sacrifice," the Minister declared.

### Japanese Raid Shaochow

#### Lungchow Taken By Chinese, Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Dec. 24 (UP).—Japanese reports say that at dawn yesterday, Japanese planes bombed Shaochow on the south section of the Canton-Hankow Railway, as well as Sam-huachen, 15 miles east of Yungyun, Kwangtung.  
The report said there was heavy anti-aircraft action; however, all planes returned to their bases.

#### Socozy Office Damage

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24 (UP).—The Standard Oil Company has sent a message to the American Embassy saying that five Japanese planes dropped several bombs on their Shao office last Wednesday, smashing doors and windows. The full extent of the damage was not mentioned.

#### Lungchow Said Recaptured

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24 (UP).—While official confirmation is still lacking, it is reported that the Chinese have recaptured Lungchow, about 120 miles southwest of Nanjing.

GEN. VON BRAUCHITSCH, the Nazi C-in-C. who declared: "The British and French war aims are to destroy, dismember and annihilate the German nation and culture."

Hitler Distributes Christmas Gifts



### Nazi Chief On Allies War Aims

#### To Annihilate The German Nation

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Addressing German Soldiers in the Siegfried Line, General von Brauchitsch also asserted that the British and French aims were to destroy, dismember and annihilate the German nation and culture.  
He said that German troops were specially trained today in thinking of the Fuehrer. He was also speaking that evening at the front from his job, and they reacted with the supreme command, the first soldier, and the creator of Greater Germany.

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#### Hitler Distributes Gifts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, Dec. 24 (UP).—The Army Commander, Colonel General Walter von Brauchitsch, speaking in a radio broadcast from a pill box with the fourth company at the front near Saarbruecken announced that Hitler went to the front after distributing presents to the anti-aircraft units on Spichern Heights.  
The Army Commander said: "Only when victory is won may we speak of peace."

### POPE'S VISIT TO QUIRINAL

Rome, Dec. 22.  
The Pope will on December 28 proceed to the Quirinal to return yesterday's visit of the King and Queen to the Vatican. The official announcement of the Pope's visit to the King and Queen on December 28 is displayed over four to five columns of the evening papers, which describe as an historic event and point of culture the first time since 1870 that the Pope has crossed Rome and visited the reigning sovereign of Italy.—Reuter.

#### American Ambassador

Washington, Dec. 23.  
President Roosevelt announced the appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor as his personal Ambassador to the Vatican to work with the Catholic Church "in parallel endeavours for peace," however, this does not constitute a resumption of diplomatic relations with the Vatican. It is part of the President's new programme to unite men of all faiths in efforts to restore peace, and aid in the suffering wherein the President sent almost identical letters to the Pope, Dr. George A. Butler, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; Rabbi Cyrus Adler, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, from whom he sought co-operation in co-ordinating the efforts of religious faiths as his broad objective.  
In his letter to His Holiness the Pope, the President stressed the worldwide Christmas sorrow while "civilization to-day passes through the travails of war." He said a hopeful factor consists of the fact that we are making and experiencing a rebirth of the revival of culture and religion from the previous crises, notably the Dark Ages "when flame and sword of Barbarians swept over western civilization."  
I believe the travel to-day is a new sign of these old conflicts. In these present moments no spiritual leader or no civil leader can move forward on specific plans to terminate the destruction and build anew. Yet, the time for that will surely come. Hence, I am sending you my personal representative in order to parallel our endeavours for peace and that the alleviation of suffering may be assisted.—United Press.

### Christmas Eve In Finland

## Heavy Fighting Persists Soviet Air Force Is Active

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 24 (UP).—It has been officially announced that the towns of Kotka, Viipuri and Tammarsalmi were today bombed by Russian planes, which machine gunned civilians without heavy casualties.

The official announcement says it is known that 14 Russian planes were shot down and it is possible that four or five others were also destroyed while the Finns lost two planes in dogfights.  
The temperature has dropped to 25 degrees below zero which is a tremendous advantage to the Finns. Numerous deaths have been reported among Russians suffering from minor wounds and who have been frozen to death because they were unable to walk back to their own lines.

#### Kronstadt On Fire

Norman Deuel, "United Press" War Correspondent talked with an officer who returned today from a certain coastal battery.  
He asserted that in the first days of the war the Finns bombarded Kronstadt which was set afire and burned for four days.

#### Finns Still Advancing

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—A communique says that on the Karlian Isthmus front, Finnish troops, after carrying out several patrol operations, extended the front and returned to their positions.  
At Aulajärvi the advance continued.  
Enemy air activities were very great as a result of the fine weather, particularly in the Karelia area. The Finnish air force were engaged in driving off enemy planes throughout the day.  
In numerous air raids, the Finns brought down 14 Russian machines, the loss of which have been confirmed. Principally they were bombers.  
The Finns are also believed to have brought down four or five machines which have not yet been found.  
The Finns lost two machines.

## GENERALS CONFER

### Chiang Kai-shek Calls Important Meeting

Shanghai, Dec. 23.  
An important military conference was summoned a few days ago by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek at Sinsung, in Hunan, to discuss the general counter offensive measures during the winter months, according to reliable sources in Chungking, states the Sin Wan Pao.  
Among those who attended the conference were General Hsieh Yo, Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government and General Li Tsung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Hunan-Hupeh forces.  
Following the conference Marshal Chiang made a tour of inspection to the Chinese fronts. He later expressed satisfaction at the preparedness of the Chinese forces, the report states.—Reuter.

#### Japanese Make Claims

Hankow, Dec. 23.  
The so-called Chinese "Winter Offensive" has been repulsed with heavy losses both south and north of the Yangtze River.  
South of Nanchang Japanese troops defeated Chinese troops near Shikuling, south of Fengsin, on Thursday.  
South of Tungcheng on the Hupeh-Hunan border, Japanese defeated a force of the Chinese troops belonging to the 14th Division of the Szechuan Army on Thursday. The Chinese abandoned 158 dead, while 21 prisoners were taken.  
In the Han River area, four Japanese Army units cut the crossings and the Chinese who crossed the river are subject to "annihilating attacks" near Tapanwan—Domel.

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## The Western Front

## TROOPS REMAIN QUIET BUT NO FRATERNISING ALLOWED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WITH THE ALLIED FORCES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 24 (UP).—Small units of the Allied forces remain in their advanced posts, men sitting inside the gun turrets on the Maginot Line as the main forces billeted in small villages between the North Sea and Switzerland celebrate the first Christmas of this war.

The fraternising which occurred in 1914's No Man's Land is not being repeated, both the British and French troops being under orders to abstain from communicating with the enemy and to keep at a respectful distance from their machine guns.  
Artistic talent has been mobilised and music hall concerts are being given in decorated barns and restaurants where the wine is flowing freely.  
Front is Silent  
The front is completely silent with the three armies being hemmed in blockhouses and villages. The entire north of France is shrouded in a heavy fog which has halted aerial activities.  
Three million packages of goods

have been transported to the front during the past week, augmented by trucks and firetrucks of gifts of candles and clothing from various relief organisations. For the first time, to-day's official communiques from Paris, London and Berlin agreed that there was nothing to report.  
General Gamelin's order of the day said: "With the approach of the New Year I am commanded to address to the entire army France's most affectionate wishes."  
His message concluded by saying: "The grandeur of our cause is the assurance of our victory."  
Quiet Christmas Eve  
PARIS, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Ac-

cording to an official communique, the Western Front "spent a quiet day as a whole."  
Very Quiet Christmas  
PARIS, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—Military observers state that the last 24 hours on the Western Front were extremely quiet.  
The Germans attempted several raids but they lacked punch and were easily repulsed.  
There were no important aerial engagements but the French made 25 successful reconnaissance flights.  
Nothing To Report  
PARIS, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states that there is nothing to report.



# J. GOSANO'S Indians Beat Kowloon In High Scoring Game At Sookunpoo

(By "R. Abbit")

CRICKET was to a certain extent disorganised by the near approach of Christmas. The awkwardness of having Christmas Eve on a Sunday and the day before a Saturday had not occurred to me until pretty late in the week, and I expect a good many other people were in the same boat.

After a belated sandwich tiffin about 2.15 p.m. I managed to see a little of both the H.K.C.C. matches.

At Recreio the match did not begin until 2.26 p.m. (hence my preceding remarks) and only a collapse on one side or the other could have brought about a definite decision.

The Gosano brothers Luigi and Jerry gave them a very good start and the latter, who is the youngest of the six (but only five play cricket) I believe hit up a very fine 87 not out. If he sticks to it, and does not get too sure of himself he should have before him a successful career in local cricket for many years. The rest of the side went for runs quickly and no one did much. They declared at 155 for seven wickets—a bit late perhaps but it must be remembered that Eddy Gosano was not playing. He, to my mind, is the spear-head of the Recreio attack, not necessarily because he takes so many wickets for so few runs but because he is such an excellent contrast to Orazio, L. G. Gosano, and is just a bit different to A. P. Pereira.

The Club started fairly well. T. A. Pearce seemed to find no difficulty in playing the bowling, and Carey kept up his wicket though he could not get the ball away, and was inclined to play too soon, especially at Orazio. The ball got up awkwardly at times, and at others kept low. I have an idea too much water is put on on Friday evening, and they would do better to start on Wednesday and reduce rather than increase the watering from thence onwards. Pearce after twenty had gone up started to force the pace but after hitting a big straight drive for four (the outfield very nobly rolled under the screen after a good attempt at it) and a very lofty hook for three, both off Orazio, he was l.b.w. to one from Pereira, which came in enough to beat the bat.

## ASTOUT KNOCK

After that but for a stout knock of 42 by Haynes the Club would indeed have been in the soup. The bowling was pretty accurate though Haynes hit a splendid four to long leg more or less off his eyebrows. In the end there was the usual dull draw. There was no very outstanding bowling feat.

## I.R.C. VICTORY

Playing without Teddy Fincher the K.C.C. were beaten by the better team at Sookunpoo. They had first knock-out of the Indians, who played all too seldom hit up sixty-seven and there were five other double figure scores but they could only reach 101—a not very good total for such a strong batting side. Whether they were upset by the alteration in the batting order with Donald Anderson going in "right" or not, I don't know. The I.R.C. bowling I am told was better than their fielding and that the latter was in no way up to their usual form. It is, I know, true that the standard of the I.R.C. fielding is not as high as it was about eight years ago, but then it was very good indeed.

When the Indians went in to bat they definitely established a superiority. Kitchell and Madar both reached the half century. A. M. Rungtahn, 31, out, who played all too seldom hit up sixty-seven and there were five other double figure scores but they could only reach 101—a not very good total for such a strong batting side. Whether they were upset by the alteration in the batting order with Donald Anderson going in "right" or not, I don't know. The I.R.C. bowling I am told was better than their fielding and that the latter was in no way up to their usual form. It is, I know, true that the standard of the I.R.C. fielding is not as high as it was about eight years ago, but then it was very good indeed.

## THE VARSITY BEATEN

The Varsity went in first and off the opening ball of the match, Matthews was dropped in the slips off Perry. However Hong Choy was bowled almost immediately after and in his next over the same bowler bowled Sen Gupta. McEllan after three overs went off for Whitley who bowled Tam Kong-ye. Further disaster came when Bond fielded a ball smartly and threw down Matthews' wicket. After his initial escape Matthews batted half an hour for six runs, and seems to have no scoring shots. On being out for his 10, but Bond took a good c and b—this time Perry had put him on with Richardson. Tsui 19, batted very well—I don't know why he went in so low down—but R. Singh (21) did even better. All out for nineteen C.S.C. got the runs easily.

## IN AND OUT CLUB BATTING

The Club second contrived to lose four wickets for twenty-nine runs against the Recreio second. The fifth fell at 48, and then Mitchell and Bishop put on 50 for the sixth wicket and when the latter had gone for a most useful 32, well caught at long off, Captain Lawrence came in in a most aggressive mood. What I like about his batting is that he either does or he doesn't. On Saturday he did and cleared the ball very hard hitting two sixes and five fours, some of the latter being fore-arm shots played off the back foot. He got 4, 6, 4, off consecutive balls. He completed his fifty as did Mitchell who was not out. There is no doubt he saved his side from defeat by a good captain's innings.

The Recreio had little difficulty in staving off defeat thanks to a fine 67 by A. J. M. Prata who so far outdid Lawrence as to net two sixes and nine fours. Another draw. Club v. Army game of Monday but whether or no I shall be able to get it into this paper or to-morrow's my readers know better than I do at the time of writing.

# PORTUGAL RESISTS STRONGLY

## China Fully Extended To Win International Soccer Match 2-1

(By "Rox")

THE MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY of Portugal's team which was a mixture of surprise and delight to the huge crowd of enthusiastic spectators at Sookunpoo yesterday, should have resulted in a victory over China.

They very nearly turned the tables on their confident opponents. China's team was composed of all first division players, mostly selected from South China, and were used to each other's type of play as opposed to what may be termed a scratch team which included several third division players, but it took them all their time to manage an almost gift win by the score of two goals to one.

Portugal were without the services of N. Beltrao, C. Remedios and J. Gomes, the former two were not selected and the last named for some reason did not turn out as expected, while B. Gosano was not up to his usual standard, his recent illness no doubt contributing to this.

R. Marques, who was in goal gave a superb performance despite his long lay off from competitive football. He effected several really fine saves, which received due appreciation from the crowd, and he could not be blamed for the goals that beat him.

C. Marques and J. Alves were as safe a pair of backs as one could wish for and stood well against the strong attacks of the Chinese, clearing powerfully. A. V. Gosano's performance surpassed that of any other player on the field, but he was given insufficient support by his wing-halves, Delgado and Fernandez, though playing as well as can be, seemed rather overawed by the occasion and the crowd, and appeared nervous.

## COMBINATION LACKING

THE FORWARDS lacked the usual combination and for some time appeared disjointed, but they improved as the game progressed, and for the latter part of the second period the Chinese penned in their own half, but a mixture of over-anxiety and shock (when in front of goal) and hard luck robbed them of goals which should have placed them in the lead.

Castilho played a good game on the right wing but could not adjust himself with his inside partner Santos, who was guilty of missing at least two goals to his inaccurate placings. B. Gosano was a trier and led his line as well as he could, and was extremely unfortunate with several of his shots which skimmed the bar or hit the upright the wrong way rebounding into play. The left wing pair, Pereira and A. Alves showed better understanding, but their finishing left much to be desired.

## TAM NERVOUS

TAM between the sticks was his usual self during most of the game, but was distinctly nervous in the second half when Portugal were pressing. During this period he did not receive the usual strong support of his backs. Lee Tin-sang, who is usually very safe, missed the ball completely on three occasions. Lee, but for his lapse, played well, and was given good support by Mak.

The Chinese halves were a stubborn trio. Leung, although somewhat erratic, at times played a safe game and had B. Gosano well marked. Lau Hin-chol was inclined to give too much rope to Portugal's left wing, but he steadied up after a time. Hul, up to the time of his injury, gave good assistance to Leung, and played a sterling game. On several occasions he broke up some dangerous moves on his side of the field, but in the second half he was perceived to be limping and could not do what was expected of him.

Cheuk Shek-kim was not all at home with his inside partner and club mate, Chow Man-che, and his play all round was mediocre; indeed he was being continually robbed of the ball when in a good position to centre. China's inside left was very tricky, and fed his centre, Chan Tak-fai of South China "B", with many through passes, but Chan could not take advantage due to the close attendance of A.V.

Lai Shu-wing, who put in a late appearance at inside right, lacked enthusiasm due apparently to the absence of Fung King-cheung his usual partner in league football, and seemed to have no heart for the game. He rarely exerted himself, and did not make full use of his right wing, life "muffed" several openings, which should have resulted in goals, and by his work threw the Chinese forward line out of gear.

## NOTABLE ABSENTEES

NOTABLE ABSENTEES from the China team were Fung King-cheung, and Ip Pak-wah who were originally chosen for the side and several reserves had to be called upon. It is not known the reason for Fung's absence, but Ip pulled a muscle in South China's game with St. Joseph on Saturday.

## THE GAME

PORTUGAL started shaky apart from the fact that they made the first goal, whereas the Chinese appeared certain of the result and were lax in their efforts. The rude awakening they received when Castilho came near with a last shot as did Pereira.

China broke away through a clearance by Leung, Chan obtaining the ball to lob it over the head of Marques to Chow. Challenged by Alves, Chow lobbed the ball over the former's head back to Chan, who tripped over the pass, putting Marques off, and scoring with a fairly easy shot twelve minutes from the start.

The second half was fraught with thrills. Portugal putting in their all to gain the equaliser. B. Gosano hit the cross bar with Tam unsighted from 30 yards out. Santos sent in a soft shot which Tam handled easily.

## SCORES EQUAL

THE EQUALISER came soon after a strong attack by the Chinese. Portugal broke away on the right, with Castilho and Santos interpassing splendidly before the latter punted to B. Gosano whose first timer hit the cross bar to rebound Santos for him to meet it with his head.

A ding-dong struggle ensued with both sides exchanging scoring chances. Portugal's defence rallied from the equaliser and easily overshadowed their contemporaries who appeared flustered and blundering continuously.

Mak misjudged the flight of a high ball by Alves, the ball bouncing back to his inside partner Santos, who was guilty of missing at least two goals to his inaccurate placings. B. Gosano was a trier and led his line as well as he could, and was extremely unfortunate with several of his shots which skimmed the bar or hit the upright the wrong way rebounding into play. The left wing pair, Pereira and A. Alves showed better understanding, but their finishing left much to be desired.

A fine movement of Santos—Castilho—Gosano saw the latter sending in a rushing drive, which Tam fisted over. Alves came over from the left for the kick, and in the ensuing scramble it was thought that a goal was scored, but Lee saved the occasion by punting well down the field.

The Chinese halves asserted themselves for a brief space, when Marques was called upon to pull off the saves which he did in his old inimitable style.

Extra time was being whispered when Hui sent Lal off with a grand long pass. Drawing A. V. Lal sent a hard pass to Chan, who met it with a first timer from an oblique angle—Marques little expecting it.

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## Boxing

# GARCIA RETAINS TITLE

## Lee Knocked Out In 13th Round

MANILA, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Ceferino Garcia, Filipino holder of the world middleweight boxing championship, retained his title here to-night when he knocked-out Glen Lee, the "Nebraska Wildcat," in the 13th of their scheduled 15-round bout, which was held before a big crowd at the Rizal Memorial Stadium.

The fight was one of the best of Garcia's spectacular ring career, and was witnessed by 25,000 fans, whose enthusiasm was not in the least dampened by rain.

The bout came to a sudden end two minutes and 39 seconds after the start of the 13th round, when Lee was counted out.

Garcia weighed in at 152½ lb. and Lee at 156. Both fighters were aggressive in the opening rounds, most of which were won by the Filipino, who meted out terrific punishment. Lee sustained bruises and cuts on the face from Garcia's savage attacks.

The gate receipts totalled 150,000 pesos.

United Press Version. United Press says that in the first round Garcia's famous "bolo punch" split Lee's lips and blood oozed out of his mouth. Garcia maintained a savage onslaught and brought the American to his knees for three in the fourth round. The Filipino was on top again in the eighth when he floored Lee for eight, and in the 11th the American was just able to stand, taking terrific punishment for two counts of nine and one of seven.

Lee was very game and attempted to rally in the sixth and ninth, but was forced into clinches in which he took terrible punishment to the body. After the third round Garcia's right played havoc on Lee's face, which presented a bloody and swollen appearance.

The 13th round started slowly. Lee went into a clinch and as Dempsey separated the boxers, the Filipino landed a left and a right which floored Lee, who rose only to take a terrific right hook on the chin from which he failed to regain his feet. Dempsey raising Garcia's hands just before the bell.

## INTERNATIONAL MATCH TO-DAY

England Meets Scotland On Club Ground

TO DECIDE China's opponent in the final of the International Cup football competition, England meets Scotland to-day on the Club ground at 3.30 p.m.

The teams are: Scotland—Duncan (Scots); A. Bone (Club), Blackburn (Police), Captain, Clarke (Scots); McEwen (Club), Williamson (Kowloon), Clarke (Scots); Munro (Scots), Pryde (Club), Hosack (Scots), Ferrier (Police), Tait (Middlesex). Reserves: Dignan (Signals), Birrell (Engineers), Gibb (Scots). England—Robinson (Navy); Roughley and Hendy (Navy); Layle (Navy), Bright (Mace) and Wilkinson (Mace); Gardner (H.K.E.), Thorburn (Navy), Fowler (Club), Saw (Mace) and Thomas (Mace). Reserves: E. Strange (Club), Brett (Navy), Rides (R.A.O.C.) and Freshwater (Mace).

## TWO HORSES DIE IN SAME RACE

LONDON, Dec. 13.—There were two fatalities to horses at Wetherby on Dec. 8. Solitaire was destroyed after breaking a fellow in the Cowthorpe Novices' Hurdle Race, and Uncouth dropped dead after finishing second in the same race.

This was Uncouth's first race over hurdles, but he battled on well to finish only a length behind the winner, and ran himself to a standstill. His jockey, E. Wanless walked back to the paddock with the saddle, and after he had been duly weighed-in by one of the stewards, Uncouth was allowed to remain second.

Solitaire, favourite for the race, won the Manchester November Handicap two years ago.—Our Own Correspondent.



Rising to the occasion. Heads reaching for the ball from a high centre during the International Cup soccer game between China and Portugal at Sookunpoo yesterday. China won 2-1.—Mec Cheung.

## Lindrum Beats Twelve Amateurs And Breaks World Record

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Walter Lindrum, world's billiards champion, conceded 24,000 points to 12 amateurs at Melbourne—and won!

The result was: Lindrum 36,352, Amateurs 27,988. Scoring at the rate of 909 an hour, Lindrum broke Joe Davis' world record break under the new balk line rule, with a run of 2,466, and also had breaks of 1,859, 1,054 and 1,036.—Our Own Correspondent.

## BACHELORS WIN AT I.R.C.

The annual Married v. Single match at the Indian Recreation Club yesterday resulted in a win for the bachelors by 39 runs. Scoring was remarkably high, and three half-centuries were scored. A. R. Minu, the Club captain, was top-scorer with a hard hit 74.

The scores were: Bachelors.—213 (A. R. Minu 74, A. R. Sullad 52, K. Nazrin 31, S. Adam Ismail 3 for 13). Benedicts.—174 (C. Shipp 63, M. Razuck 31, A. R. Minu 4 for 62).



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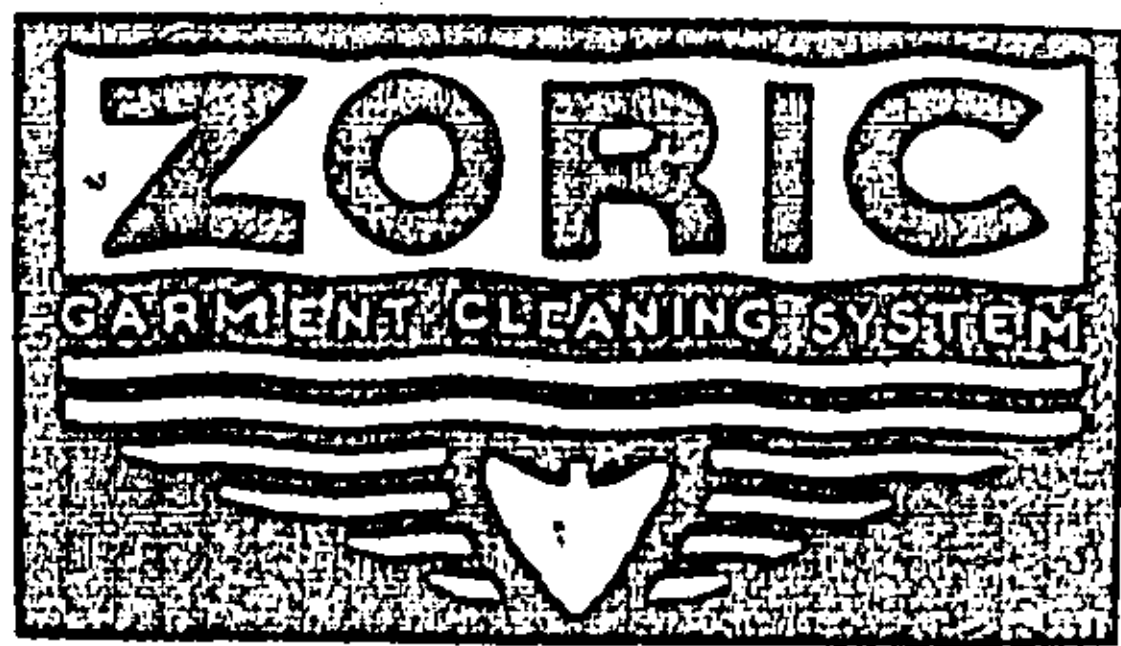
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**Shape Armholes:** Cast off 2 sts. at the beg. of next 6 rows. Work 4 inches on the remaining 60 sts. **Shape Shoulders:** Cast off 6 sts. at the beg. of the next 6 rows. Cast off remaining sts.

**FRONT:** With No. 12 pins, cast on 30 sts. Rib 1 inch—K. 1, P. 1, increasing in every 10th stitch of last row only. (88 sts.) Change to No. 8 pins, and work in pattern, until 7 1/2 inches from a cast on edge.

**Shape Armholes:** Cast off 2 sts. at the beg. of next 6 rows. Then divide stitches for front opening as follows:—Work 32 sts., cast off 8 sts., work 32 sts. Work on each side of 32 sts. for 3 inches.

**Shape Neck:** Decrease one stitch every row at the neck edge, until 22 sts. remain. **Shape Shoulder:** Cast off 6 sts. at the beg. of the next 2 armhole end rows. Work back to the armhole, cast off 10 sts.

### Short Sleeves

With No. 12 pins, and flame wool, cast on 60 sts. Rib 5 rows—K. 1, P. 1, rib. Change to No. 8 pins, and beige wool, knit one row. Continue in pat. until 1 1/2 inches from cast on edge.

**Shape Top:** Cast off 2 sts. at the beg. of every row, until 12 sts. remain. Cast off.

### Long Sleeves

With No. 12 pins and flame wool, cast on 40 sts. Rib in K. 1, P. 1 for 1 1/2 inches. Change to No. 8 pins and pattern. Work until 10 inches from cast on edge. Increasing one stitch each end of every 4th row until 60 sts.

Knit in With Long or Short Sleeves



Designed in basket stitch, the jersey contrasts prettily with the ribbed trousers.

**Shape Top:** Cast off 2 sts. at the beg. of every row until 12 sts. Cast off underwrap to front fastening. With No. 12 pins and beige wool, cast on 12 sts. Work 3 inches plain knitting. Cast off.

**Front Strap:** With No. 12 pins and beige wool, cast on 12 sts. Rib 3 rows. K. 1, P. 1. Make buttonhole. Rib 4 sts., cast off 4 sts. Rib 4 sts. Next row: Rib 4 sts., cast on 2 sts., rib 4 sts.

Make 2 more buttonholes, one inch apart, rib 1 1/2 inches more, then decrease one stitch each end of every row until all sts. are gone.

**Edging for Strap:** With No. 12 pins and flame wool, cast on 4 sts., rib 9 inches, K. 1, P. 1. Cast off.

### Peter Pan Collar

With No. 12 pins and beige wool, cast on 100 sts. Rib 1 1/2 inches—K. 1, P. 1. Change to flame wool and rib 5 rows—K. 1, P. 1, casting on 10 sts. at the beg. of the first 2 rows. Cast off very loosely, in rib.

### Strap-On Knickers

With No. 12 pins and beige wool, cast on 18 sts. Rib 3 inches of K. 1, P. 1. Continue in stocking stitch (one row knit, one row purl), decreasing one stitch each end of every 4th row (84 sts.).

**Shape Back:** Wrong side of work facing, 1st row: Purl to the last 14 sts., turn knit back. 2nd row: Purl to the last 24 sts., turn knit back. 3rd row: Purl to the last 34 sts., turn knit back. 4th row: Purl to the last 44 sts., turn knit back. Continue in this way until all stitches are on one pin. Now

rib one inch. K. 1, P. 1, on all stitches, taking tog. every 5th and 6th stitch of the first row only. Cast off in rib. Work another piece to correspond, with back shaping at the opposite edge.

**STRAPS (2):** With No. 12 pins, cast on 12 sts. Rib 1 1/2 inches—K. 1, P. 1. Make buttonhole as for the first strap of blouse, rib one more row, then dec. one stitch each end of every row until all stitches are gone.

To make up: Press all parts with warm iron and damp cloth, sew all seams, sew in sleeves. Sew edging of straps to sides of collar. Sew on the underwrap, front strap and collar. Sew straps to knickers.

At the top of knickers, work one double crochet, 4 chain, then one double crochet, 4 chain, 3 inch below top of knickers. Repeat this all round, to form banding for elastic. Thread elastic, work buttonholes, sew on four buttons.

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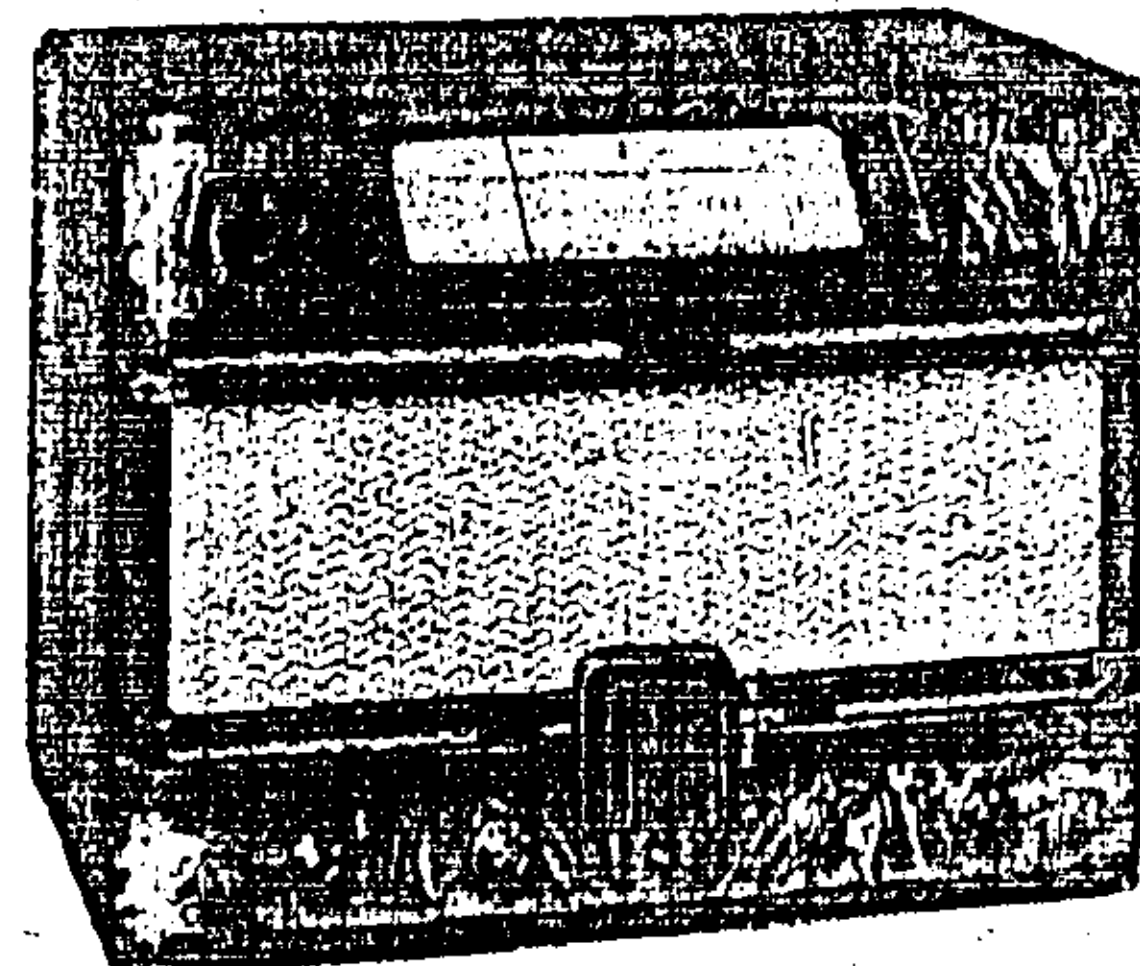
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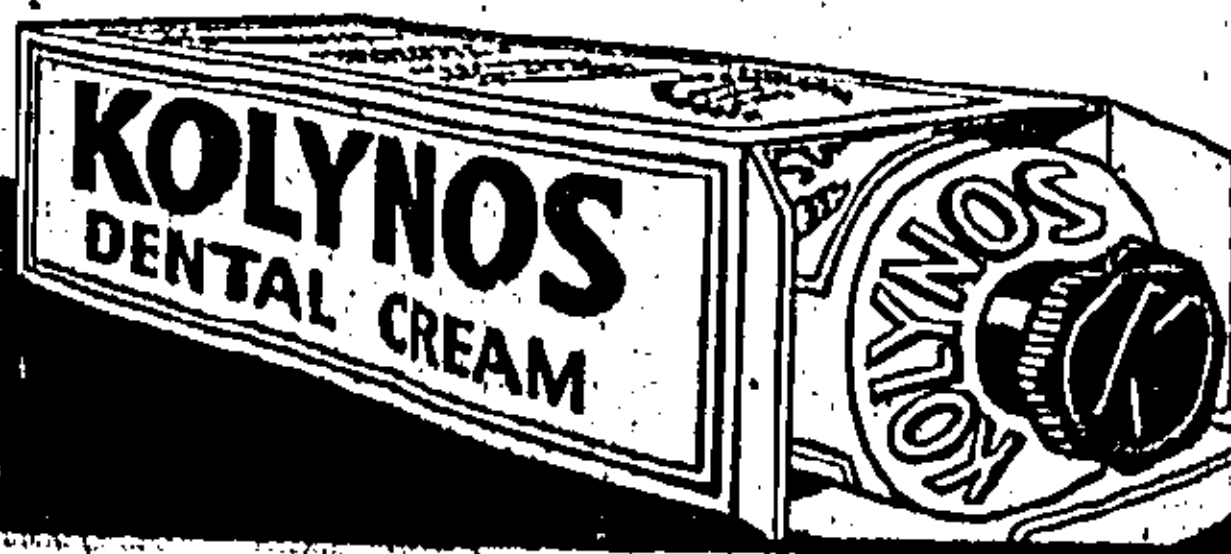
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WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE.

THE KING talked to three important people to-day—M. Lebrun, our Ally's First Citizen and President, M. Daladier, their Prime Minister, and (no names allowed) a thirty-year-old Portsmouth man in an A.A. unit.

The President and the Prime Minister he met at an impressive luncheon in a provincial town behind our lines. The host was the King, partially repaying the hospitality he and the Queen received when they visited Paris some months ago.

Gort, our Commander-in-Chief, stood on the steps of the restaurant to welcome the King and the Prime Minister, and took them inside where the King waited.

As all three had met before, there were no introductions.

We have been told "Cordial toasts were exchanged."

A bit of occasion. The King, Emperor, and the Premier in one of the parts of France that the Empire is ready to fight for.

Dawn To Dusk

THE nameless, important Portsmouth man—the King was inspecting those men who have the toughest jobs going in the B.E.F., the anti-aircraft men.

They begin their on-the-spot job at dawn, finish only at dusk. You never know when the enemy may appear in the air. Their positions are the roughest, the loneliest.

This man has been five years in the British Army. And he is only thirty years old now. His father before him was in the Army. Twenty-six years, and retired as a company sergeant-major, and lived at Alderhot.

HIS father and mother were happy recently when their son became company sergeant-major. Imagine that! Alderhot home even more recently when they got a letter telling them that their son is now second lieutenant.

The first man in the B.E.F. to be commissioned from the ranks. He got the news in a War Office telegram, which he automatically received while doing his routine work. He read it impersonally until he found it referred to himself.

His colonel shook his hand and made him a second lieutenant on the spot. Even gave him the necessary "sp" for each shoulder, which the colonel had to spare. The ex-company sergeant-major was in the officers' mess that night, having a night-cap with the best of them.

He's popular with his fellow-officers and men. No small achievement.

Farm Scene

THE King went into a real French farmyard to see more A.A. Mud-Wallahs. The troops and their officers were as correct as could be. But the regular inhabitants of the yard were a few dogs.

Roosters crowed and dogs barked. A farm-labourer's head stuck out of the loft window in the stable behind the men on parade.

A small terrier rushed up when the colonel stepped forward to meet the King. It yapped around the King's ankles, suddenly lost its nerve, and rushed away.

The local mayor was there. He was the owner of the farm. And his wife, both in their best Sunday black. The mayor wore black gloves and shook hands with the King wearing them.

He was so excited. His hands trembled as he held a paper and read:

"In the name of my country, I thank your Majesty. I thank your people. I thank your splendid and big army. So closely united with the French Army on the borders of our country, for the defence of this sublime and noble cause and for the defence of all humanity."

In a stentorian voice: "Vive le Roi! Vive l'Angleterre! Vive la France!" WHEN the inspection was done, the colonel called with slow deliberation: "Three... cheers... for... his... Majesty... the King!"

—a longer pause, and raucous squawks from the base of a haystack. A triumphant hen, a new laid egg: "Hip, Hip, HOOR-A-A-Y!"

That country mayor was another important man. There are millions of Frenchmen like him. He spoke their thoughts, too.

# SMART WORK BY THE POLICE

Short Christmas Day story: 6.30 p.m.—Thief stole overcoat from bedroom of residence of Mr. N. Stockton, 123 Boundary Street, using bamboo pole through window. 6.45 p.m.—Thief reported to Shamshupo Police Station. 7.10 p.m.—Overcoat, recovered in Mongkok, returned to 123 Boundary Street by police.

# ASHAMED OF HIS C.O. GRANDSON

THE grandfather of a conscientious objector wrote to the tribunal sitting here to-day that his family were ashamed of him.

Mr. John Bellman, a Flinsbury councillor wrote concerning his grandson, Arthur (Hockin) of Ux-borough, Iydeide (Devon):

"On my side he comes of a long line of soldiers and sailors. My ancestor was Captain Robert Bellman, of Cornwood, of Queen Elizabeth's days."

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Hockin objected to serving in the Forces on religious grounds. The case was adjourned for Hockin to secure letters from friends as further evidence of his convictions.

Never Saw A Film

A young Tipton member of the Plymouth Brethren, Charles F. Lind, who is a member of the Plymouth Brethren, told the Tribunal that:

He has never seen a cinema, theatre or dance, does not listen to the radio, and is not a member of any sports, games or football clubs, and was exempted from the compulsory O.T.C. at Hurdell's School. He was exempted from military service on condition that he should continue his present work in the health department of Somerset County Council.

# Unlicensed Doctor Police Act On Information

Chan Mun, 32, who said he had qualified as a doctor at the Kwong Wah Hospital, Canton, was fined \$200 by Mr. Houston at Central Magistracy on Saturday for practising medicine when not registered.

Inspector Hopkins said he visited Chan's office in Queen's Road Central on Friday, accompanied by Dr. Valentine and secured a prescription from Chan. Dr. Valentine said the action was taken following the receipt of an anonymous letter believed from a medical practitioner.

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# Admiral Scheer Off S. America?

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It is believed that she had a rendezvous with a supply ship from Mexico.

The Columbian authorities sent out a vessel to investigate, but this was some hours afterwards, and when the vessel arrived on the scene the warship had disappeared.

# Kronstadt Bombarded

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 25 (Reuter).—The Soviet naval base at Kronstadt was severely damaged by the fire of Finnish batteries in the first days of the year, says a Finnish claim.

So effective were the Finnish guns that the fires were observed to be raging four days afterwards.

One reason why the Red cruiser, Kirov, was sent to Tallin to be repaired after being hit by Finnish coastal guns, was that Kronstadt was too badly damaged to deal with her.

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